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JEWISH NEW YEAR, DAY OF ATONEMENT RESOLUTION FROM CALIFORNIA TREASURER PHIL ANGELIDES

To the Jewish Congregations of California

In honor of the

Days of Awe

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Tishri 1-10, 5767

WHEREAS, The first two days of Tishri 5767 (September 22-23, 2006) mark Rosh Hashanah, the coming of the new year for Jews throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The 10th day of Tishri 5767 marks Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement on which the world's Jews seek atonement for the sins they have committed against G-d and reconciliation with those people against whom they have sinned, seeking, if possible to right the wrongs committed against those people; and

WHEREAS, A central precept of Judaism is that of tikkun olam, or repairing the world through social action, and is one of the traditional categories of tzedakah (justice) that underlies charity and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, With the world in economic and social turmoil, with human life and human freedom at risk in many places, repairing the world, tikkun olam, must be made the goal of all the world's peoples; and

WHEREAS, Peace will come only when every voice in the world is raised on its behalf, and true comity of nations will arise only from worldwide agreement to seek tolerance, trust, and cooperation among all people; and

WHEREAS, The convictions that shape these Days of Awe are the same convictions that can serve as the basis for true peace and tolerance all over the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is with great honor and abiding hope that I, Phil Angelides, Treasurer of the State of California, join the Jewish congregations of California in celebrating the coming of the New Year 5767, offer my wishes of *L'shanah tovah* – blessings for a good year to come – and my fervent hope that in this new year, all Californians, all Americans, and all the peoples of the world will join in seeking to repair the world's ills and gain peace for all time to come.